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SUBJECT: INCARCERATION OF VICTOR DICK IN PDRY

REF:A. STATE 119836, B. STATE 110081, C. JIDDA 3433

AFTER STUDYING REFTELS, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT
APPEAL TO SARG FOR HELP IN SECURING RELEASE OF LEBANESE
NATIONAL VICTOR DICK, AS PROPOSED REF C, WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE.
THERE IS NO PDRY REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENT IN DAMASCUS.
BEST PALESTINIAN CHANNEL IN OUR OPINION IS PFLP WHOSE
RELATIONS WITH SARG AT PRESENT STRAINED. WHILE SYRIANS
HAVE SOWN WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL IN CASES WHERE THEY
HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH ASSETS TO ENABLE THEIR INTERVENTION
REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS AND WHERE THERE IS CLEAR-CUT
AMERICAN INTEREST IN MATTER, I.E., COL. MORGAN AND GALLAGHER-
DYKES KIDNAP CASES IN LEBANON, I FRANKLY DOUBT THEY WOULD
GIVE SAME ATTENTION TO AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF A
LEBANESE NATIONAL IMPRISONED IN ANOTHER ARAB STATE
WHO HAS NO OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH USG. ALSO SARG IS
IN DAILY TOUCH WITH WIDE SPECTRUM OF LEBANESE LEADERS
AND WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT SUCH AN APPROACH TO COME
FROM ONE OF THEM.

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